

PLANNING MATRIX

	TRIPPET RANCH AREA			LOS LIONES	MULHOLLAND CORRIDOR
	OPERATIONS/ MAINTENANCE AREA	TOPANGA CULTURAL PRESERVE	HISTORIC ZONE		
DESCRIPTION	This area includes the proposed expanded Operations and Maintenance Area	This area contains a high concentration of significant cultural resources	This zone includes Trippet Ranch, a historic “Gentleman’s Ranch,” which includes a ranch house, combination stable/barn, machine shop and skeet lodge.	This zone is the southern access into the Park via Los Liones Canyon off Sunset Boulevard, allowing ease of vehicular access and parking.	This zone is at the northern edge of the Park along dirt Mulholland Road. This corridor serves as a crucial buffer and transition between the Park and the highly urbanized San Fernando Valley.
RESOURCE CHARACTER & MANAGEMENT (CARRYING CAPACITY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Relocate the majority of park operations and storage to the Operations and Maintenance AreaMaintain natural screening of structures, equipment, and storage yards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designate as a Cultural PreserveMaintain and protect this distinct area of outstanding cultural and scientific significanceAvoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resourcesNo facilities or development other than modifications to trails, scientific research, or as needed to preserve or protect the resourcesAvoid drawing attention to locations of sensitive resourcesAllow for scientific research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Balance the historic ranch character with modern park amenitiesRestore the ranch’s original historical characterRelocate the majority of park operations and storage to the Operations/Maintenance Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restore and maintain native plant habitatProvide trailhead into Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain and protect the natural character of this buffer zoneEnhance the natural buffer between the adjacent developed areas and the ‘wildlands’ by directing visitors to gateway access points, such as a point near the Top of Reseda or Dirt Mulholland roadAvoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources
VISITOR EXPERIENCES (CARRYING CAPACITY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restricted access	Visitors will be made aware of the importance, sensitivity, and fragility of the area’s cultural resources. The majority of the interpretive and educational opportunities relating to cultural resources will be located in the Trippet Ranch Historic Zone. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Low level of useMinimal encounters with other	Visitors will be able to experience a historic Gentleman’s Ranch. Interpretative and educational facilities and programs for natural and cultural resources will also be provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none">High level of useFrequent contact with others	Visitors will experience native vegetation through the development of a native plant garden and interpretive trails. Due to the ease of vehicular access, outdoor spaces and places for hands on teaching and exploring shall be emphasized. <ul style="list-style-type: none">High level of useFrequent contact with others	Visitors will be oriented to the Park via gateway trailheads (access points) with interpretive elements, thus becoming aware of the natural environment and setting; but development outside the Park boundaries will still be evident. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Medium level of useModerate contact with others
VISITOR USES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restricted access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trailsNative American usesCultural site stewardship programMinor interpretive and educational opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive and educational opportunitiesEquestrian concession opportunitiesLimited overnight use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive and educational opportunitiesDay use only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trailsOvernight camping at designated campsitesMotorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance
RANGE OF POSSIBLE FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderate operations and maintenance facilities and staff residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trail system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive and educational facilities* and programsTrailheadInterpretive loop trailParking & RestroomsMinor operations facilities/staff residenceCorralsPicnic areasSmall group camp area for special events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive loop trailsOutdoor classroomsNative plant gardenAmphitheaterTrailheadParking & RestroomsMinor operation facilities/staff residencesMinor concession facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive facilities* and programsGateway trailheadsRestroomsScenic overlooksPicnic areasCampsites

RUSTIC CANYON	WILDLANDS	LOWER TOPANGA	WATERSHED	LAGOON
This zone lies at the southern edge of Rustic Canyon between Will Rogers SHP and Camp Josepho. This zone includes the lone remaining barn from Josepho’s Ranch and the Will Rogers’ cabin site.	This zone is the core of the Park with its rugged terrain, mosaic habitats, and scenic vistas which reflect the ‘wild’ essence of the Park. It includes a network of trails such as the Backbone and Coastal Slope Trails. This zone will remain natural and wild with minimal development.	This zone includes areas along Pacific Coast Highway to the east and west of the mouth of Topanga Creek, a strip along Topanga Canyon Boulevard, and an area proposed for park staff housing.	This zone contains the Topanga Creek Watershed, one of the few publicly owned watersheds remaining in Southern California, and home to the endangered southern steelhead trout.	This zone contains the lower reach of Topanga Creek and the remnant lagoon. It is home to the endangered southern steelhead trout and tidewater goby.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and protect the natural character of this canyon• Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources• Restore the historic Josepho barn in place• Allow for scientific research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and protect the natural character of these ‘wild lands’• No development other than trails and modest backcountry camping at designated areas (includes improvements to Musch Camp)• Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts to natural and cultural resources• Allow for scientific research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect existing natural and cultural resources• Avoid, minimize and/or mitigate impacts on the natural and cultural resources• Complete adequate recordation, evaluation, and appropriate mitigation prior to alteration or removal of the motel• Evaluate opportunities for adaptive reuse of the motel buildings and, if feasible, incorporate into future park development• Minimize the current structural clutter to create a visual and physical gateway to the Park• Provide trail connection between the coast and the Park interior• Allow for scientific research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restore, maintain and protect the natural character of this zone, especially the riparian vegetation and wildlife corridor• Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on the natural and cultural resources• No development or modifications other than infrastructure that will improve the wildlife corridor, specifically to preserve the steelhead population• Habitat manipulation only permitted to preserve the unique species or characteristics which constitute the basis of the zone• Allow for scientific research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimize lagoon restoration via a cooperative process with appropriate agencies and groups• Maintain and enhance the natural character of the zone, especially the riparian vegetation• Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on the natural and cultural resources• No development or modifications other than infrastructure that will improve the lagoon wildlife corridor, specifically the steelhead and tidewater goby populations• Allow for scientific research opportunities
Visitors will be introduced to the Gentleman’s Ranch story and historic ranching in general via an interpretive trail system in conjunction with Trippet Ranch and the adjoining Will Rogers State Historic Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium level of use• Infrequent contact with others	Visitors will view and explore rugged ridgelines, the vast Pacific Ocean, ancestral oak woodlands, shady stream-fed canyon bottoms, and rolling grassland-savannahs. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low level of use• Infrequent contact with others	Visitors will be able to view a major creek/lagoon restoration effort, while becoming aware of the Park’s many natural and cultural resources. Visual enhancements will include improving and protecting the scenic corridor along Topanga Canyon Boulevard. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium level of use• Frequent contact with others	Visitors will develop an appreciation of wildlife, plants, and geological features as they are guided along a developed trail system. They will learn about the ongoing restoration of the steelhead population and its link to the watershed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low level of use• Minimal encounters with others	Visitors will be made aware of the importance, sensitivity, and fragility of the natural resources in the lagoon, Topanga Creek, and the park in general. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low level of use• Minimal encounters with others
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational opportunities• Hiking, biking, equestrian use on designated trails• Minimal vehicle access allowed on designated Park roads• Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational opportunities• Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails• Camping at designated backcountry campsites• Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed solely for park operations and maintenance• Freestyle climbing or bouldering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational opportunities• Hiking on designated trails• Overnight use permitted on west side of the lagoon• Minor concession opportunities on west side of the lagoon• Minimal concession opportunities on east side of the lagoon (minimal structures)• Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational opportunities• Hiking on designated trails• Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed solely for park operations and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational opportunities• Hiking on designated trails• Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor interpretive and educational facilities* at Josepho Barn• Trail system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational facilities* and programs• Trail system• Restrooms• Pedestrian bridges over waterway where environmentally and hydrologically appropriate• Scenic overlooks• Campsites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational facilities* and programs• Hiking trails• Overnight lodging• Lagoon/creek viewing platform• Pedestrian/service bridge• Parking and Restrooms• Picnic area• Minor operation facilities/staff residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational facilities* and programs• Hiking trails• Pedestrian/service bridges over waterways where environmentally and hydrologically appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive and educational facilities* and programs• Hiking trails• Self-contained vault toilet• Pedestrian/service bridge over waterway where environmentally and hydrologically appropriate

*Interpretive and Educational Facilities include exhibits, trails, panels, media, etc.